

## Preliminary Approach for FY10 Funding

### Timeline:

Late-April	-input opportunities (see below) for State, Tribes and stakeholders (utilizing Puget Sound caucuses, Leadership Council, Science Panel and Ecosystem Coordination Board) to get input on funds allocation options
Mid-May	-based on feedback from State, Tribes and other stakeholders, develop FY10 funds allocation concept paper -briefing on FY10 funds allocation concept paper for DRA/RA approval
End May	-FY10 funding allocation options publicized (email and post on website)
End June	-close of comment period on FY10 funding allocation options
Early-July	process feedback on FY10 funding allocation options, getting back to those who've commented for clarification; -coordination with State, Tribes and other potential applicants complete
Mid-July	-briefing on feedback on FY10 funding allocation for RA/DRA for decision on direction for Request for Proposals (RFP)
Early-Aug.	-briefing on and RFP and fact sheet to RA/DRA for approval
Mid-Aug.	-final RFP to OGC and Competition Advocate* for approval to post on website and grants.gov
Late-Aug	-fact sheet sent to State, Tribes and other potential applicants
Sept. 1	-RFP issued
Nov 1	-deadline for applications if EPA manages assistance agreements
Dec 1	-deadline for applications if Lead Agency approach taken
Feb 1, 2011	-deadline for recommendation on applications (Lead Agency or EPA lead)
April, 2011	-award of FY10 funded assistance and interagency agreements

Initial outreach/input for concept development

Formal comment and synthesis of draft RFP

RFP development

Post-RFP process

*\*will consult with ORC and the Competition Advocate regarding the RFP thru scheduled weekly meetings.*

## Input Opportunity

### Approach:

Send email to Leadership Council, Ecosystem Coordination Board, Science Council, State, Federal, and Environmental caucuses and Puget Sound Tribes and consortia, stating our interest in their input on the approach to allocating FY10 Puget Sound funding consistent with the Action Agenda. Establish a date and time for meeting and/or conference calls with each of the above groups to gather their input. In addition, offer several in-person listening sessions for individuals unable to participate on the conference call for their group (mixed groups).

Conference Call/Listening Session Agenda (1.5 hr)

1) Present FY10 appropriations language and prior decisions on funding:

- \$4m for UW;
- 0.3m for Tribal grants (total:\$5.3m)
- \$3.85m for Tribal Capacity Building;
- \$1m to incrementally fund Education & Outreach assistance agreement with PSP;
- \$1.7m for EPA oversight;
- \$4.5 - 9m for Science assistance agreements;
- \$1-2m to continue funding IAGs;
- \$5.2m for Watershed grants (total:\$19.8m)  
Aprox. \$23.25-28.5m remaining for RFPs

2) Short discussion on EPA's Competition Policy

3) Some of the issues we are seeking input on in order to determine how to best implement the Action Agenda include:

- How to best provide 'wholesale assistance agreements' to a lead entity (i.e. lead entity provides subgrants rather than EPA managing grants)
- Focus of assistance agreements aimed at implementing the Action Agenda (possible categories for emphasis)
  - Geographic areas
  - Stressor Source/threat areas
  - Environmental outcome-based
- Amount of funding for each priority/category
- Approach to take for out-year (i.e. FY11, 12, etc.) funding